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The Republican Editors of this District, Many of the Santa Fe Officials and Saint Patrick--All with us Today

New School Laws.

The following are some of the more important educational bills passed by the legislature affecting the public schools.

Raising the minimum length of term from five to seven months and giving state and county aid to weak districts.

A certificate law giving the state board of education considerable latitude in fixing the subjects required for teachers' certificates and providing for a gradually increasing amount for high school education as a qualification in order to secure the first certificate. The requirement of one year of high school education will go into effect in 1913.

A new law for the consolidation of rural schools requiring but a majority of those voting to carry the proposition, making it easier to consolidate with graded schools, and making the transportation of pupils mandatory in such districts where they live beyond two miles from school.

A pension law for cities of the first class, the law being voluntary both on the part of the city and the teacher.

The reduction of the size of boards of education in cities of the first and second class to six, and requiring them to be nominated and elected at large biennially for a term of four years.

A much more satisfactory law relative to the organization of boards of education in cities of the first and second class.

A law authorizing the establishment of township high schools in rural communities.

A law by which training in high schools may be extended to 40 more schools, and an appropriation sufficient to pay each of such schools \$500. The law provides that such schools may receive \$250 additional if they provide a course in agriculture and domestic science.

A law placing the authority to fix the standard for the issuance of state certificates in the hands of the state board of education where certain state educational institutions had heretofore been made the standard.

A law fixing the maximum for bonds for the erection of school buildings at 2 1/4 per cent of the valuation.

The annual school meeting was fixed at the same date for all districts schools, that date being the second Friday in April.

The legislature gave district boards the authority to provide for the transportation of pupils living two and one-half miles or more from school in all classes of districts. District boards had not heretofore had such authority.

A law providing for the free tuition in high schools to all pupils in counties having less than 10,000 and in which such provision does not already exist.

A revision of the law providing that two or more counties may join together in conducting a county normal institute.

The salaries of county superintendents were increased \$1.00 per teacher and in some cases where the salaries were low an additional increase was made.

A provision was made by which a vacancy in the office of county superintendent may be filled from outside of the county where no one is eligible for the office within the county.

A law authorizing the annexation of territory for school purposes to all cities of the first class.

A Large Shipment.

On Saturday, March 4th, a special train load of J. I. Case Threshing Machinery, consisting of 33 cars, went through Kansas City enroute to Oklahoma City to the Threshermen's Convention at that point, containing machinery valued at about \$125,000. The machinery included: 23 threshing engines, 30 threshing separators with attachments, also road graders, road scrapers, rotary plows, Racine harrow attachment hay balers, fuel and water tenders and smaller equipments.

Mrs. D. J. Lewis of Hoisington visited Mrs. Buckland and daughter, Hazel, Friday of last week.

Fred Childs of Hoisington was in Great Bend Friday attending court.

Home Again.

The editor, after two months of service as a member of the legislature, has returned home and is trying to get back into the harness.

Owing to several and important committee assignments, which meant a great deal of work, he was prevented from giving as detailed an account of the work of the legislature as he did in the former session, in spite of the fact that much more legislation of consequence was passed. In another column we enumerate some of the more important items, and still in another column, we give the school legislation that was passed.

In subsequent issues we shall endeavor to elaborate upon many other bills, and try to give an insight into the workings of the body.

Personally, we are very well pleased with the session, and am glad to say that by many who have watched legislatures in the past, the opinion prevails more and better results than previous sessions for years. While the Governor or neither political party or faction accomplished all they wanted, yet all are satisfied, and are preparing for two prosperous years, and future political activity.

The fire alarm was turned in Tuesday to the Sieverling repair shop but the blaze was extinguished before the alarm was sounded.

R. K. Watson has returned from Wichita where he was called by the death of his wife's sister, Mrs. Watson was at her bedside when death came.

Few Planks of the Platforms Passed.

Platform promises did not fare particularly well during the legislative session which is just closing. Most of the main planks were either discarded either by the House or the Senate and it was just as effective in one as in the other.

Of the platform measures contained in the Republican platform the following were enacted into law in some form or other.

Public utilities bill, consolidation of penal institutions, employers' liability law, Oregon plan of electing United States senators, uniform blank book system for counties, removal of unfaithful public officials, consolidation of boards of educational institutions, workingman's compensation law, law making second violation of prohibitory law punishable by a penitentiary sentence.

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The prohibition of the shipment of liquor into prohibition states.

Public utilities law.

Physical valuation of railroad property.

Law compelling corporations to begin suits in state courts before

appealing to federal courts.

Law making second violation of prohibitory law punishable by term in penitentiary.

Initiative and referendum.

Recall.

Oregon plan of electing United States Senators.

Publication of campaign contributions and expenditures.

Election of delegates to the national conventions and the election of presidential electors.

Income tax amendment.

Workingman's compensation commission.

Amendments to inheritance tax law.

Uniform county and township records.

Consolidation of all boards where possible.

Removal of unfaithful public officials.

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Law prohibiting sale of fictitious stock.

Physical valuation of railroad property.

Massachusetts ballot law.

Independent and blanket primary.

Compulsory arbitration of labor troubles.

Employers' liability for coal mines.

Recall.

Initiative and referendum.

Public utilities law.

Removal of school and judicial department from politics.

Repeal of inheritance tax law.

Two-cent passenger fare.

Publication of campaign contributions and expenditures.

Direct election of United States Senators.

Schmidt-Lebbin.

One of the prettiest weddings occurred at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Lebbin, Tuesday, February 28th, at 2:30 Rev. Ruff officiating, when Mr. Frank Schmidt took Miss Martha to become his bride.

The bride is one of the prettiest girls of the north side and is liked by all who know her. The groom is one of the finest young men in the east community and has a host of friends.

The bride looked sweet in a dress of net over white silk, carrying a large bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley. The groom was dressed in the conventional black.

The bridesmaids were Miss Anna Schmidt, sister of the groom and Miss Clara Panning. They were dressed in champagne silk, carrying a large bouquet of pink carnations.

The best men were Wm Lebbin, brother of the bride and Frank Eberhardt.

Only the relatives and immediate friends witnessed the ceremony. The supper table was laid for four and the guests were invited to come and feast, and again at mid-night.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schmidt, will make their home on Mr. Schmidt's father's farm eight miles east of Ellinwood.

The leader with its many friends extends their most heartfelt congratulations and best wishes.—Ellinwood Leader.

Miss Sadie Dale was here from Hutchinson Saturday and Sunday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Dale and family.

Douglas.

James F. Douglas, was born near Sturgis, Michigan, in 1842, and moved to Kansas in 1869, settling in Emporia. He was married to Miss Fannie Johnson of Sturgis, Michigan a few years later, leaving Emporia and locating in St. John, Kansas. Mrs. Douglas died October 8, 1894, leaving the husband and four children. Mr. Douglas was united in marriage Oct. 13, 1901, to Mrs. F. M. Barrett. He passed away March 3, 1911, leaving the wife and four children: Everett and Earl Douglas, Mrs. Nina Gray, and Mrs. Grace Barrett, also one brother and two sisters; Harry Douglas of Emporia, Mrs. Alice Hunt of Guage, Okla., and Mrs. Emily Armor of Emporia, to mourn his death, besides a host of other relatives and friends. He was converted at a camp meeting at Lincoln school house ten years ago last September, and later united with the M. E. church, and remained in the same until removed to the fellowship of the Saints on high.—Pawnee Rock Herald.

Harris.

Johnnie Harris died Sunday afternoon at the hospital after an illness which has extended for the last few years and which has been a sort of general breakdown. He was 57 years and 6 months of age. He leaves only two relatives an aged father, over 83 years and a brother, A. J. Harris of Ottawa, Kansas. The funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon, (Tuesday) at 2:30 o'clock from the Methodist church of which he was a member. The Odd Fellows and the Rebekahs to which he belonged will have charge of the funeral.

Nearly everyone in Great Bend knew the deceased. He was born in Devonshire, England, and came to this country with his parents in 1850 locating in Michigan. In 1874 the family moved to this county where they owned a home in Eureka township, one of the best farms in Barton county. In the 90's they built a great stone house there similar to an old English mansion, and it was one of Barton county's show places for years. They owned considerable land and were among the wealthiest people of Barton county. The hard times resulted in their losing their possessions and the family moved to Great Bend where they supported themselves by market gardening until the death of Mrs. Harris three years ago. The aged husband and son were left. John was crippled and unable to work and the last two or three years of his life were particularly bitter ones.

With his father he was taken to the hospital a week or two ago. The father takes the news of his son's death a little more calmly now than at first, his other son being here with him. The misfortunes of this family are among the pathetic instances of hard luck we have ever heard of happening in this county. The sympathy of the community is extended to the sorrowing relatives. Tribune.

Schultz.

Herman Schultz, father of Wm. and Fred Schultz, of Albert, died at the home of his son, Wm. on Monday, March 13, at the age of 83 years.

Mr. Schultz was one of the Pioneers of Barton county, having been a resident of Clarence township for thirty years.

Since the death of his wife last April he has made his home with his sons.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon and the body laid to rest in the German M.E. Cemetery.

The Athenian Club.

The Athenian Club met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Anna Moses. The following program was given.

Collect—Club.
Roll Call—Finland.
Ivan Turgeneff—Mrs. Nellie Smith.

Maykov (poem)—Mrs. Castle.
After the program and business, refreshments were served. The club will meet next week with Mrs. Beulah Gunn.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

State of Kansas, County of Barton, ss.
Office of the County Clerk, March 7, 1911.

The Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, met in regular session at the office of the County Clerk on Monday, March 6, 1911. Present: Frank Wood, Chairman, P. E. Murphy, and Mat Dick. Commissioners, M. Dailey, Sheriff; R. C. Russell, County Attorney and C. F. Younkin, County Clerk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
The following bills as filed in the office of the county clerk were approved and allowed.

Coyote Scalps.

J E Smith, one coyote scalp	1.00
C C Lorimer 1 coyote scalp	1.00
Ed Norris 2 coyote scalps	2.00
Ernest Jessup 1 coyote scalp	1.00
Harvey Jackson, 1 coyote scalp	1.00
Reg Gray 2 coyote scalps	2.00
James Finn, 1, coyote scalp	1.00
H. W. Laudick, two coyote scalps	2.00
E S Whiteman, one coyote scalp	1.00
Clarence Doonan, one coyote scalp	1.00
C W Ruhe, 3 coyote scalps & 16 gopher scalps	3.50
Total amount for coyote scalps	16.50

Jos V Jenisch, juror for Nov. term, 1910 4.40. |

H A Fisher, milk for Mrs. Barnett, for January 2.20 |

A H Baker, State vs John Wallace 2.45 |

S S Shattuck State vs John Wallace 2.00 |

A H Baker, State vs William Milton 6.55 |

S S Shattuck State vs William Milton 2.75 |

George Stevens, State vs William Milton witness .75 |

Wm. Yergy, State vs William Milton, witness .75 |

Emery Faulkness, State vs William Milton, witness .75 |

E F Boxwell, state vs William Milton, juror 1.00 |

Wm. Varah, State vs William Milton, juror 1.00 |

W E Durand, state vs William Milton, juror 1.00 |

J W Drake, State vs William Milton, juror 1.00 |

Jake Stoskopf, State vs William Milton, juror 1.00 |

D W Humphrey, State vs William Milton, juror 1.00 |

A H Baker, State vs McPherson 4.05 |

S S Shattuck State vs McPherson 2.00 |

M Dailey State vs McPherson 2.70 |

A H Baker state vs Morton 3.95 |

S S Shattuck State vs Morton 1.75 |

M Dailey, State vs Morton 2.70 |

The Adder Machine Co., one No 1082 Wales machine 175.00 |

Bailey & Hensel, electrical work 9.11 |

Tribune Pub. Co Job work 31.60 |

H S Born mdse for Barnett, Hill, Kane, Bruer 16.73 |

McNown & Hayes, meat for Burch and Noe 5.15 |

Schaefer & Keleher, meat Mrs. Barnett 3.20 |

Degen Merc. Co., mdse for John Pitts 9.05 |

Fred Richardson, plumbing Fankhauser & Koopman, plumbing 1.00 |

Gunn & Watson, printing for county assessor 10.00 |

C E Mattox, cleaning court room and jury room 2.50 |

H C Sellers cleaning court room and jury room 5.00 |

C E Chapman, care of John Harris and father 9.00 |

Landblade & Nystrom, groceries for Barnett, Thornburg 33.85 |

Pearson, Kane, Green, Bruer, Hainline, Gilbert 33.85 |

H A Hall, 143 estate certificates to assessor 14.20 |

Hols, Mill & Elv. Co., ton of coal for John Pitts 7.35 |

Alois Schwager, County Assessor and stamps 81.50 |

G. B. Transfer Co., fri & drayage 3.30 |

Lindas Lumber Co., lumber for the county 8.28 |

G. B. Hdw & Imp Co., mdse for the county 4.25 |

G. B. Telephone Co., tolls 4.70 |

T C Straw, night watch for John Pitts at Hoisington 30.00 |

Chas Hall, railroad fare for paupers, Hoisington 4.88 |

S M Kellam, stamps 1.00 |

J W Ledbetter, care of Mrs. Bennett and children 15.00 |

Saml Dodsworth Book Co., County supplies 18.10 |

Crane & Co., county supplies 28.65 |

John Mullendore 1 doz brooms 4.50 |

J H Meyer, mdse for John Stockwell 2.50 |

The Boston Store, mdse for Hainline and Horine 7.15 |

Dan Miller Jr., repairing the Blood Creek Bridge 265.00 |

J E DeMotte, janitor for the month of January 40.00 |

E R Moses Merc. Co., mdse for the County 4.60 |

Eyer Bros., cess pool work for the month of Feb. 50.00 |

H A Fisher, milk for Mrs. Barnett for February 2.20 |

Crescent Grocery Co., groceries for Burch, Noe and |

Shields 28.25 |

A Aiken, car of bridge lumber at Albert, Kans 429.48 |

J K Younkin, work as deputy county clerk 41.50 |

G. B. Water & Ele. Co., water and lights for C. H. and Jail 44.19 |

G. B. Furniture Co., mdse for court room 57.25 |

W. F. Mansolf, milk for Mrs. Burch for February 1.00 |

Patton & Fankhauser coal for the poor, Bruer, Shields, Thornburg, Barnett, Bishop Hainline, Gilbert, Horine, John Harris, Burch 41.05 |

 Patton & Fankhauser, coal for Sheriff | 8.00 | M L Crow, painting and papering court room and jury room | 165.61 | M Dailey, hack fare for Jno. Harris and father | 1.00 | G. B. Furniture Co., burial of William Thornburg | 20.00 | Mrs. Ella Duncan, care of self and children | 10.00 | C E Holmes, mdse for county A Aiken Lbr. Co., coal for Noe, Green, Dunn, Barnett | 20.00 | Aitken Lbr SCo., coal for Jail St. Rose Hospital, care of M. R. Garvey, Guy Axtell, Clarence Welpeby, Richard Haller | 134.50 | Louis Zutavern, Tr. sewer Tax in the Second Sewer District, C. H. and Jail, val \$52,500 | 2525.26 | Total amount of bills allowed at the March Meeting | \$4581.64 | Joe Brada was allowed a refund on a valuation of \$300.00 on account of no exemption being allowed, Liberty Township, Tax amounting to (\$31) ninety-one cents only. | |

The Eyer Brothers resigned their work as hauling for the cess pools for the Court House and Jail and E. L. Copple and Son were appointed to do the same work at \$50.00 per month.

The contract was made with The Schooley Stationery Co., of Kansas City, Mo., for Steel Vault Cases for the office of County Clerk, Probate Judge and Register of Deeds and a chair for the District Judge at a total cost of \$315.00.

The township board from Liberty Twp., met with the commissioners and it was agreed upon with the Board to meet at Dundee Monday, March 13th together with the Twp. Board and view the sight for the proposed bridge across the Arkansas River.

In the matter of the Os Wood Road Petition for the opening of the road way on the half section line running north and south between se

1-4 and sw 1-4 of 3-19-13 a new Notice was given for the Board of Commissioners to meet as a Board of Viewers on April 4th, 1911, at 2 p. m.

Road Notice.

State of Kansas, County of Barton, ss.
To Whom It May Concern:

Take notice that a legal petition signed by Os Wood and fifteen other householders of Great Bend township, in said county, has been presented to the Board of County Commissioners, praying for the establishment of a proposed road as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the N. E. corner of the N. W. quarter of section 16, Twp. 19, range 13, and running due north on the half section line and terminating at the bank of Wet Walnut creek. Said Board having appointed themselves Viewers, who will meet at the point of beginning of proposed road on the 4th day of April, 1911, at 2 o'clock p. m. and proceed to view said road as the law directs at which time and place all persons interested may have a hearing. In case the said viewers fail to meet on the day designated, they meet on the following day as provided by law, without further notice.

Witness my hand and the official seal of said county this 7th day of March, 1911

C. F. YOUNKIN, County Clerk.

The Standard Oil Company was allowed a refund of \$13.05 on account of erroneous assessment on improvements on lots 1 to 6, block 3, Moses Bros, addition to Great Bend city.

Road petition for the opening of the section line between sections six and seven, Great Bend Township, Ed. Lutschg, petitioner, and the road petition for the opening of the section line between sections five and eight J. S. Dalziel, petitioner, and bridge petition for the building of a bridge across North fork in Blood Creek, Grant Township, were all laid over for the April meeting.

Th application of Mrs. J. B. Fredrick, of Claflin, Kansas, for rebate on personal property of 1909, given in by A. B. Wegley, was referred to the township trustee who took the assessment.

The Banks who have failed to file new Bonds, as County Depositories, were instructed to file them in the county Clerk's office for the April meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

There being nothing farther, the Board adjourned to meet again their next regular session which will be the first Monday in April, 1911.

FRANK WOOD,
Chairman of the Board.
Attest: C. F. YOUNKIN,
County Clerk.